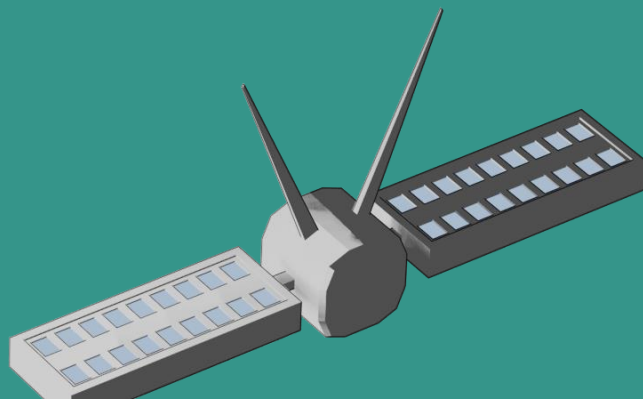
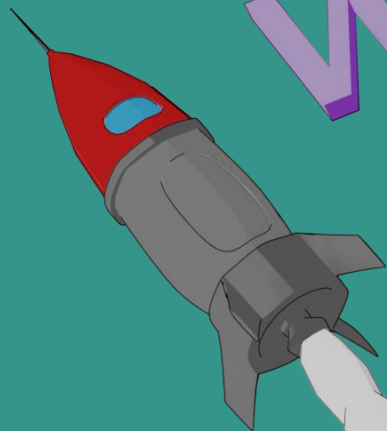
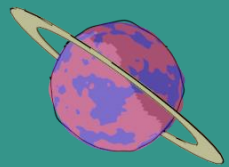


Indico 3.5 Workshop





A Governance Model for Indico

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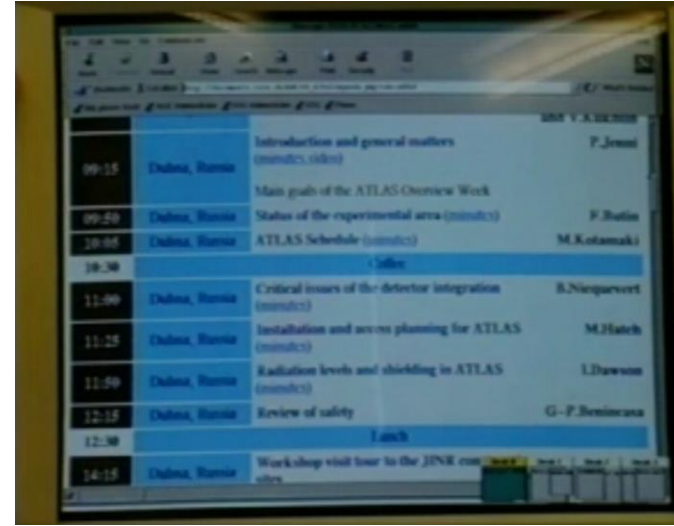
Indico Workshop 3.5, March 2023



- History and Context
- Proposal (Bodies and Roles)
- How to get started
- Conclusion

Some History

- 1999 – CDS Agenda
- 2002 – InDiCo EU Project
 - “Integrated Digital Conferencing”
- 2004 – Production at CERN



INDICO
Grant agreement ID: IST-2001-34306

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End date: 30 April 2004

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Some History

- **2007** – Fermilab contributes timezone-aware code
- **2013** – First Indico Workshop
- **2015** – UNOG adopts Indico
- **2017** – Indico 2.0 rewrite, 2nd Indico Workshop
- **2020** – 3rd workshop (cancelled)
- **2022** – MPG funds developments in v3.2

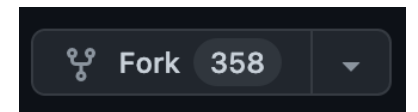


 Community Sponsorship

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Contributions

- **CERN**: still the main driver behind the Project
- **UNOG, MPG, IEEE**: individual features in recent releases
- Recent contributions from **S2Innovation, Canonical**
- In the past: collaborations with **Fermilab** and **BNL**
 - timezone support, search
- Contributions from **many individuals!**
 - some of them on company time? Hard to know.
 - apologies if we haven't mentioned you!



Governance – why?

- **Acknowledging** contributions
- Collecting and organizing **feedback**
- Coordinating community **efforts**
- Making the Project **more distributed**
- Present Indico as a **consolidated** Project with a **strong community**

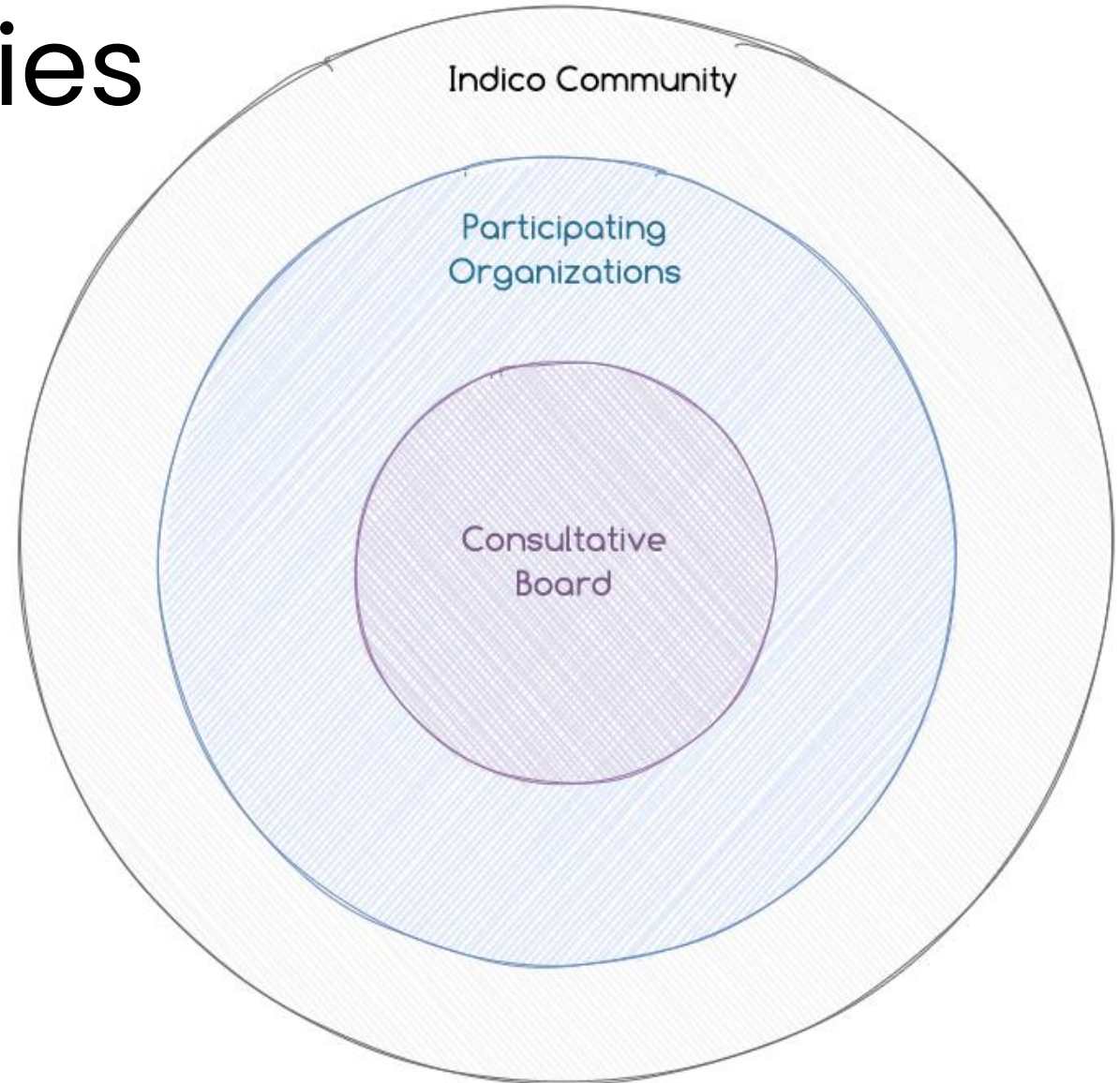
Governance – some questions

- **Who** is actively contributing to the Project?
 - we should be able to know which entities officially contribute to Indico
- **What** are they contributing with?
 - not only code: documentation, translation, community support... they're all important
- **How** can we acknowledge those contributions?
 - there should be incentives to actively contributing
- **How** can we coordinate development in common areas?
 - we have common goals, let's collaborate!
- **Where** should the Project be going?
 - we won't always agree on those goals. How do we decide then?

Our proposal

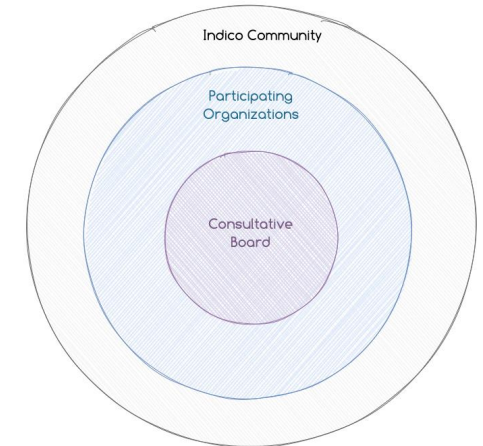
Community Bodies

- **Community:** set of persons and institutions who run an Indico server
- **Broader sense:**
 - Developers
 - Translators
 - Writers
 - Administrators
 - End users
 - ...



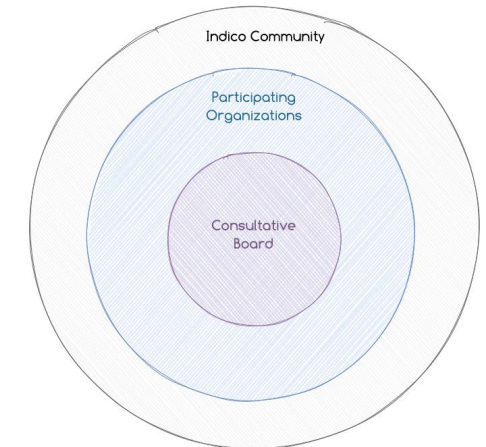
Participating Organizations

- Adhere to the open collaborative principles of the Indico Community
- Acknowledged in Project Website
- Contribute actively and significantly to the Indico Project (e.g. code, translations, community animation, public outreach...)
- **Annual Report during Community Meeting**
- **No membership fee**



Consultative Board

- Members: representatives of **participating organizations** which make **contributions of particular relevance** to Indico (e.g. code, support materials, community building, financial support...)
- On **invitation** by CERN, **2-year term, personal**
- Objectives:
 - **Provide advice** to the Project
 - Identify strategic and **community priorities**
- Meets at least twice a year, chaired by Project or Product Manager.
- Approves the **roadmap** for the following year



Consultative Board

- Question: how to have members pledge their contributions?
 - e.g. Signing a Letter of support?
 - To be discussed

Bodies (1)

| | Event | Frequency | Format |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Indico Community | Indico Workshop | min. 1x / 2 years | Face to face / hybrid |
| Participating Organizations | Community Meeting | yearly | Hybrid / remote |
| Consultative Board | Consultative Board Meetings | 2x / year | Face to face / hybrid |

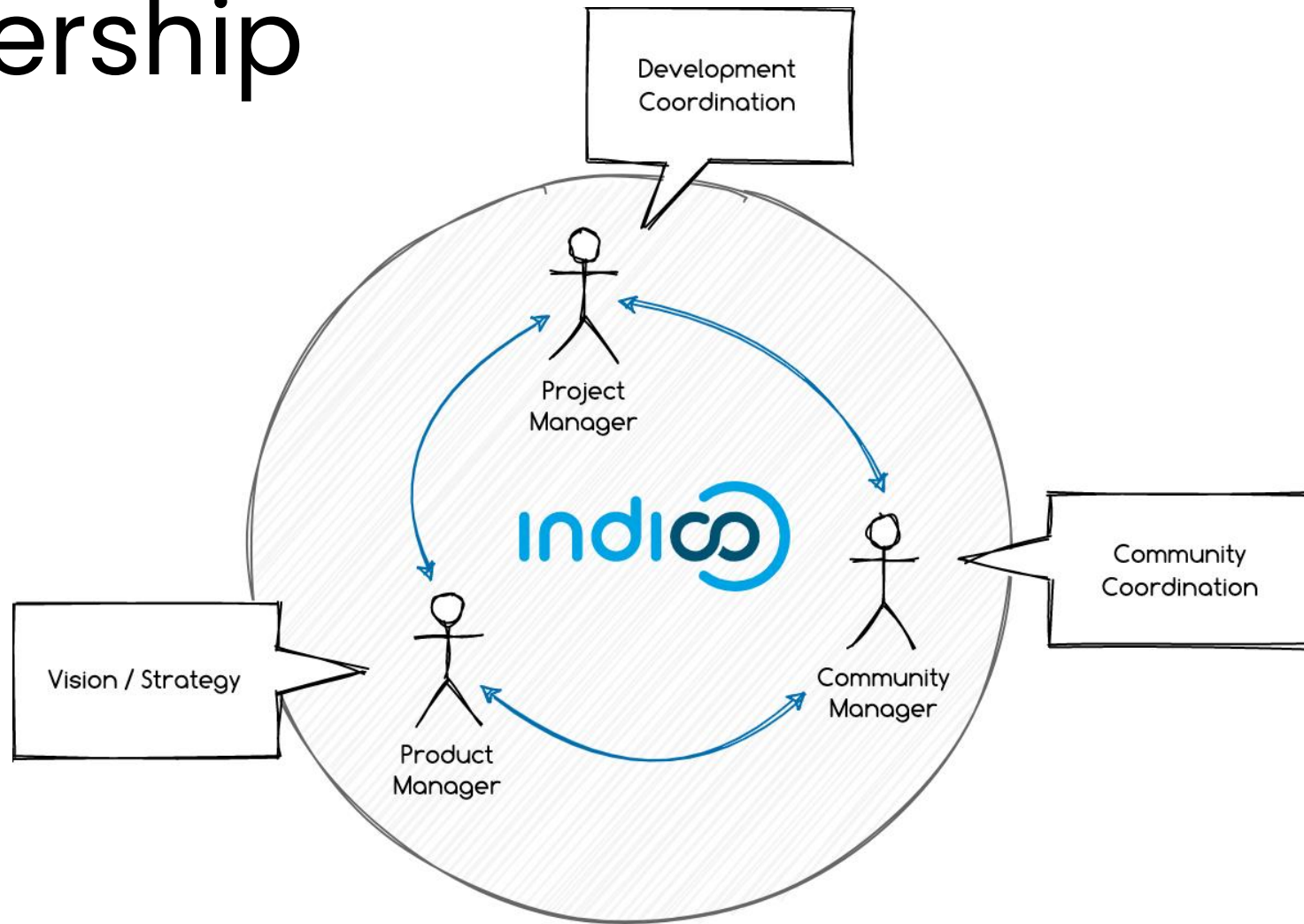
Bodies (2)

| | Contribution | Influence |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Indico Community | Voluntary | Ideas and suggestions |
| Participating Organizations | Significant | Presence in community meetings, a say in community resource allocation |
| Consultative Board | Particularly relevant | Approve roadmap and steer general Project development |

Community Roles

| | Responsibility | Term | Appointed by |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------|
| Community Manager | Chair Community Meeting Indico Workshop | 2 years | Consultative Board |
| Consultative Board Members | Advise the Project Identify strategic and community priorities | 2 years | Each invited organization |
| Product Manager | Vision / strategy as software product Chair Consultative Board | N/A | CERN |
| Project Manager | Management of core application and plugin development Coordination of community developments | N/A | CERN |

Leadership



How do we get started,
then?

Call for Participating Organizations

- All organizations wishing to advance Indico as a Project, especially those present today at this workshop, are invited to register as a Participating Organization
- This entails a commitment to participating actively in the Project (through code, documentation, translation, outreach, among others....)
- The idea is **not to measure** contributions but rather to foster a community of **proactive stakeholders**
- **Contact Pedro or Adrian if interested**

Bootstrapping: Consultative board

- Term starting in **May 2023**, finishing end of **April 2025**
- CERN has decided to invite:
 - **The United Nations**
 - **Max-Planck-Gesellschaft**
- For their very significant **direct code contributions** to the Indico Project throughout the last 2 years
- The Product Manager shall **invite**, in writing, representatives of the institutions in question to be part of the board
- Once answers are given, he will schedule the **first meeting**

Bootstrapping: Roles

- Project Manager: **Adrian Mönnich**
- Product Manager: **Pedro Ferreira**
- Community Manager: **applications welcome!**
 - To be confirmed by the Consultative Board
 - Contact Pedro or Adrian if you would be interested



Evaluation

- **Let's re-assess in one year!**
 - Consultative Board + Community Meeting
- The policy is **mutable**, we define it and we can change it at anytime
 - Has to be approved by Consultative Board
- **Things to assess**
 - Is the Policy working?
 - Is it causing a significant overhead?
 - Are we working better than we were before?
 - ...

In conclusion

- We are very happy to **invite the community** to play a more active role in Indico's governance
- We're proposing a **balanced approach** where CERN works as an arbiter
 - This is not about complicating things, it's about engaging the community!
- This is a **starting point**, not a definitive version
- Objective: getting Indico Governance **bootstrapped**
- Membership of **consultative board** – open to other suggestions
- **Most importantly: what do you think about it?**

Full draft: <https://codimd.web.cern.ch/s/F5PF06vII>

Contact Pedro/Adrian for input.

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